Andhra Pradesh under the Government of India and one Institute of Handloom Technology at Venkatagiri in Andhra Pradesh under the State Government are functioning.

**Recommendations of Sathyam Committee**

4105. SHRI N.R.DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom workers all over the coimtry have opposed the implementation of the recommendations of Sathyam Committee as they are thoroughly injurious to the interest of the handloom workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes Sir; representations have been received in this regard.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Expert Committee on Textile Policy under the chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam are under consideration of the Government and the representations received from various handloom wavers Cooperative Societies etc. would be given due consideration before accepting the recommendations pertaining to handloom sector.

**Development of Handloom Industry in Gujarat**

4106. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are developing handloom industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds released during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(d) the steps taken to develop handloom industry in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sk.